

ERROR DETECTION PROTOCOL

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CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present invention is related to the following co-pending patent applications:

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/282,225 [Attorney Docket No.

AT9-98-440] entitled "Apparatus and Method for Tracking Access to Data Resources in a Cluster Environment"; and

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/282,908 [Attorney Docket No.

AT9-98-443] entitled "Apparatus and Method for Maintaining Consistency of Shared Data Resources in a Cluster Environment";

which are hereby incorporated by reference herein.

TECHNICAL FIELD

The present invention relates generally to distributed networks, and in particular to core cluster functions for maintaining consistency of shared data resources in a cluster environment.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

As computer systems and networks become increasingly complex, the need to have high availability of these systems is becoming correspondingly important. Data